

pointed because the government feared to open a constituency in Quebec. There was a much sought appointment in the Court of Appeals. I think that the hon. Minister of Marine (Mr. Duranleau) would certainly have accepted this post, however the government did not care to bring on an election in the beautiful county of Chambly-Verchères. The hon. Postmaster General (Mr. Sauvé) would also like a senatorship. The government do not wish to appoint him nor will they do so because they fear to open the constituency of Laval-Two Mountains where they may receive the same reply they received in Ontario.

The hon. Solicitor General, in his speech delivered last Wednesday made the following statement at page 380 of Hansard:

We may be wrong, we may be right. The country will decide, and we are ready to go before the country to find out who is right and who is wrong.

I think the hon. Solicitor General noticed the slip he made. He immediately asked to adjourn the debate, at 5.45 p.m. The following day at page 383 of Hansard, he stated:

As far as the election goes, I may say that I was not well interpreted. I did not fix any date. And when I saw the fright on the faces of hon. gentlemen opposite I thought I had better correct that statement, and say that we might not have an election before one or two or three years. I hear laughter from the other side, but may I tell my friends opposite that they should keep cool, because they should remember, if I may say so, that there is no more Beauharnois.

I think that a night's rest brought sound advice to the hon. Solicitor General. I was informed that his leader's absence was due to having been called to Albany so as to be invested with an honorary degree. This reminds me that when I was at college, we had a professor who neither allowed us to smile nor utter a word in the class room. Having heard, one morning, that he was ill, we smiled and chatted. I believe that in the Government leader's absence, the hon. Solicitor General was overzealous, and perhaps went a little too far; he was so advised and the following day, he contended that we had wrongly interpreted his words. I note also that, in his speech, he wrongly interpreted our leader's remarks.

I know that the hon. Solicitor General is very devoted to his leader. He states that there is no more Beauharnois, however, I am informed that there are members opposite who received small gifts from the Beauharnois Company so as to help them in the last election. Both the Liberal and Conservative parties received such gifts; however, I wish to state that we have no need of being helped

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financially, we have the people behind us, and all are aware that money has no vote but the people have. You have heard the voices of New Brunswick and Ontario, if you wish to hear Quebec's voice, I offer you the opportunity; I am ready at any time.

In his telegram, the hon. Solicitor General contends that the Imperial Conference agreements are to the advantage of the farming class. I wonder if it is helping the farmer when the customs duties on cream separators and barbed wire are increased by 10 per cent.

There are many kinds of mathematicians, but the hon. Solicitor General has certainly not examined the figures closely, for he would have found out his error.

In 1930, our good friends on the opposite side made use of "Canada First" and I recall that the Conservative candidate, in my constituency stated: "All for Canada." But these were only meaningless words. I had some correspondence with the hon. Minister of Public Works (Mr. Stewart) in connection with goods manufactured in St. John, so as to fill a contract for the National Research Council. "Canada First" it sounds well, but deeds not words should be practised; I found out that the contract, instead of being awarded to the Canadian Trenton Potteries of St. John, in my county, was awarded in England.

I have here the splendid newspaper distributed during the Three Rivers election, the souvenir number of the Victory. This newspaper was published by a Conservative organization. I shall read the following extract:

Mr. Bennett favours a bonus on butter. St. Eustache, 8.—The hon. Arthur Sauvé, Postmaster General, made the following statement at the Conservative convention of Two-Mountains, which choose, last night Mr. Jean-Paul Sauvé, as candidate for the constituency. "After a number of interviews on the subject with my colleague the hon. Mr. Weir, Minister of Agriculture, and also with the Prime Minister, I am authorized to state that the Dominion government is willing to discuss the question of granting a bonus on each pound of good quality butter made in the country butter factories of Canada."

I have personally heard the hon. Postmaster General say that he had never made such a statement; this reminds me of a speech which he delivered last summer at Cap-Saint-Martin, in Laval-Two Mountains, and in which he stated that no more New Zealand butter would enter into Canada. I would advise the hon. Postmaster General to inquire at the Trade and Commerce department, he will there find out that butter is entering into Canada, and perhaps more than under the Liberal regime.

The hon. member for Compton stated in his speech that the farmers should rejoice